

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE

TONY WHITE,	§
	§
Defendant Below-	§ No. 694, 2010
Appellant,	§
	§
v.	§ Court Below—Superior Court
	§ of the State of Delaware,
STATE OF DELAWARE,	§ in and for New Castle County
	§ Cr. ID 1001002322
Plaintiff Below-	§
Appellee.	§

Submitted: March 4, 2011

Decided: March 8, 2011

Before **STEELE**, Chief Justice, **HOLLAND**, and **RIDGELY**, Justices.

ORDER

This 8th day of March 2011, upon consideration of the appellant's Supreme Court Rule 26(c) brief, his attorney's motion to withdraw, and the State's response thereto, it appears to the Court that:

(1) A Superior Court jury convicted the defendant-appellant, Tony White, of one count of second degree assault. The Superior Court sentenced White to a period of eight years at Level V incarceration to be suspended entirely for eight years at Level IV, to be suspended after eight months for eighteen months at Level III probation. This is White's direct appeal.

(2) White's counsel on appeal has filed a brief and a motion to withdraw pursuant to Rule 26(c). White's counsel asserts that, based upon a

complete and careful examination of the record, there are no arguably appealable issues. By letter, White's attorney informed him of the provisions of Rule 26(c) and provided White with a copy of the motion to withdraw and the accompanying brief. White also was informed of his right to supplement his attorney's presentation. White has not raised any issues for this Court's consideration. The State has responded to the position taken by White's counsel and has moved to affirm the Superior Court's judgment.

(3) The standard and scope of review applicable to the consideration of a motion to withdraw and an accompanying brief under Rule 26(c) is twofold: (a) this Court must be satisfied that defense counsel has made a conscientious examination of the record and the law for arguable claims; and (b) this Court must conduct its own review of the record and determine whether the appeal is so totally devoid of at least arguably appealable issues that it can be decided without an adversary presentation.*

(4) This Court has reviewed the record carefully and has concluded that White's appeal is wholly without merit and devoid of any arguably appealable issue. We also are satisfied that White's counsel has made a

* *Penson v. Ohio*, 488 U.S. 75, 83 (1988); *McCoy v. Court of Appeals of Wisconsin*, 486 U.S. 429, 442 (1988); *Anders v. California*, 386 U.S. 738, 744 (1967).

conscientious effort to examine the record and the law and has properly determined that White could not raise a meritorious claim in this appeal.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the State's motion to affirm is GRANTED. The judgment of the Superior Court is AFFIRMED. The motion to withdraw is moot.

BY THE COURT:

/s/ Myron T. Steele
Chief Justice